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SUBJECT: GOS PROTESTS ITC FINDINGS ON SHOES

- 1. EMBOFF CALLED TO FOMIN THIS AFTENOON TO RECEIVE DIRECTLY FROM DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS A SPANISH LANGUAGE COPY OF NOTE BEING DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT TODAY BY SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. NOTE PROTESTS ITC FINDINGS IN ESCAPE CLAUSE HEARINGS ON SHOES AND IN STRONGEST TERMS URGES PRESIDENT FORD NOT TO ADOPT THE HIGHTER TARIFFS RECOMMENDED BY THE ITC.
- 2. EMBASSY FINDS SUPPORTING ARGUMENT CONTAINED IN NOTE TO BE CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED AND WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS TO BE FACUALLY SOUND. WHEN PRESENTING NOTE FOMIN REP STRESSED RELATIONSHIP OF SHOE ISSUE TO NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION EXPRESSING FEAR THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CORTES WOULD RAISE US RESTRICTIONS ON SHOES IN TREATY RATIFICATION PROCEDURES AS EVIDENCE OF US "BAD FAITH" IN NEGOTIATING TREATY AND FUTURE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLIANCE. FOMIN IS VERY CONCERNED THIS MAY JEOPARDIZE

RATIFICATION OF TREATY BY CORTES.

3. MORNING NEWSPAPER ARRIBA CARRIED STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF LEATHER INDUSTRIES SYNDICATE MADE YESTERDAY THAT GOS HAD ALREADY PRESENTED FORMAL PROTEST OF ITC FINDINGS TO DEPARTMENT AND US EMBASSY IN MADRID. STABLER

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